
DIGEST

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HB 281 Engrossed

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Abstract: Changes the cap for per day penalties for failing to file or failing to timely file campaign reports for district office candidates from \$2,000 to \$1,000 and for other office candidates from \$1,000 to \$500.

Present law provides that any candidate, the treasurer or chairman of a political committee, or any other person required to file campaign finance reports, who knowingly fails to file or who knowingly fails to timely file any such required may be assessed a civil penalty for each day until such report is filed. Present law (R.S. 42:1157(B)) requires the staff of the ethics board to mail by certified mail a notice of delinquency within four days after the due date of any report or statement due that the staff knows or has reason to know has not been timely filed.

Present law provides that the amount of the per day penalty may be:

- (a) \$100 per day not to exceed \$2,500 for major office.
- (b) \$60 per day not to exceed \$2,000 for district office.
- (c) \$40 per day not to exceed \$1,000 for other office.

Proposed law changes the cap on the per day penalties for district office candidates from \$2,000 to \$1,000 and for other office candidates from \$1,000 to \$500.

(Amends R.S. 18:1505.4(A)(2)(a)(ii) and (iii))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill:

1. Remove provision that per day civil penalties for failing to file or failing to timely file campaign reports do not begin until after a certified notice of delinquency is received.
2. Change the proposed new cap on the per day penalty amount for district office candidates from \$500 to \$1,000.